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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : Rothschild, et al.
SERIAL NO : 09/950,022
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TITLE : NOVEL PRKAG3 ALLELES AND USE OF THE SAME AS GENETIC
MARKERS FOR REPRODUCTIVE AND MEAT QUALITY TRAITS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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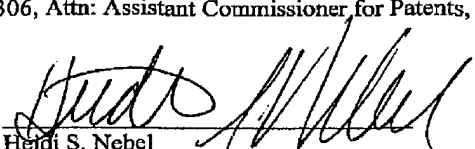
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 17, 2002, applicant hereby elects with traverse to proceed with Group II, claims 10-16, 45, 46, 54, 55 and 56, drawn to methods for screening animals to determine those more likely to exhibit improved meat quality traits, wherein a polymorphism in the PRKAG3 gene resulting in a valine at position 199 of the polypeptide and the arginine at position 200 OR an isoleucine at position 100 and arginine at position 200. Claims 1-9, 17-44, 47-53 and 57-58 will be canceled once a notice of allowance is received for Group II.

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